

**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge James N. Barr**

Ronald Reagan Federal Bldg. & U.S. Courthouse, 411 W. Fourth St.,  
Santa Ana, CA 92701-4593  
Tel: (714) 338-5430



**James N. Barr**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Illinois Wesleyan 1962 BS;  
Chicago-Kent 1971 JD  
Began Service: January 12, 1987  
Term Expires: January 2015

**Academic:** Vice President and Trust Officer, Citizens Bank (1972-1974);  
Litigation Attorney, Safeco Insurance Co. (1976-1978); Instructor, Santa  
Ana College (1984-1986); Adjunct Professor of Law, Chapman University  
School of Law

**Legal Practice:** Pretzel, Stouffer, Nolan & Rooney (1974-1976); Kamph &  
Jackman (1978-1980); Private Practice (1980-1986)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1962-1967)

**Current Memberships:** Peter M. Elliott American Inn of Court; Warren J.  
Ferguson American Inn of Court

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Kavita Gupta** ..... (714) 338-5432  
Education: USC 1988 JD  
Courtroom Deputy **Kim Ngo** ..... (714) 338-5383  
Court Recorder **Denise Bustillos** ..... (714) 338-5381  
Judicial Assistant **Gerri John** ..... (714) 338-5431

**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Arthur M. Greenwald**

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**Note:** Bankruptcy Judge Arthur Greenwald has announced his retirement,  
effective May 31, 2005.



**Arthur M. Greenwald**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1930  
Education: UCLA BS; Southwestern Law JD  
Began Service: March 9, 1988  
Term Expires: March 8, 2016

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Central District of  
California, Department of Justice (1964-1987)

**Judicial:** Judge Pro Tempore, Los Angeles County Municipal Court  
(1980-1987)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1953-1955)

**Current Memberships:** American Judicature Society; California Bar;  
Federal Bar Association; Los Angeles County Museum; KCET, Public  
Broadcasting Systems

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Deana Chuang** ..... (818) 587-2808  
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Education: Pennsylvania 1998 JD  
Law Clerk **Stephanie Rettier** ..... (818) 587-2809  
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Education: Pepperdine 2003 JD  
Courtroom Deputy **Jewell Williams** ..... (818) 587-2815  
Court Recorder **Julie Cetulio** ..... (818) 587-2818

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**Robin L. Riblet**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: Florida 1971 BA; San Diego 1975 JD;  
NYU 1979 LLM  
Began Service: March 30, 1988  
Term Expires: March 2016

**Legal Practice:** Stutman, Treister & Glatt (1979-1988)

**Current Memberships:** American College of Bankruptcy; California  
Bankruptcy Forum; Federal Bar Association; Financial Lawyers  
Conference of Southern California; Los Angeles County Bar Association;  
Santa Barbara County Bar Association

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Evelyn Brandt Ricci** ..... (805) 884-4868  
Education: Whittier 1974 BA;  
Western St. Orange County 1979 JD;  
USC 1985 MSLS  
Courtroom Deputy **Kam Rust** ..... (805) 884-4873  
Court Recorder **Yen Duong** ..... (805) 884-4891  
Judicial Assistant **Carol Gonzales** ..... (805) 884-4861

**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Kathleen T. Lax**

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**Kathleen T. Lax**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Kansas 1967 BA; UCLA 1980 JD  
Began Service: April 4, 1988  
Term Expires: April 3, 2016

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Calvin K. Ashland, United States  
Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California (1980-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Associate Attorney, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher (1982-1988)

**Current Memberships:** Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum; National  
Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Angela Allegra Jones** ..... (818) 587-2825  
Education: San Diego 1996 JD  
Law Clerk **Deanna Lee** ..... (818) 587-2825  
Education: Boalt Hall 1997 JD  
Law Clerk **Caroline Manankichian** ..... (818) 587-2826  
Education: UCLA 1990 JD  
Courtroom Deputy **Emma Gonzalez** ..... (818) 587-2832  
Court Recorder **Elizabeth Villegas** ..... (818) 587-2820

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**Alan M. Ahart**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Education: UC Berkeley 1970 AB; SUNY (Albany) 1975 JD;  
Pennsylvania 1979 LLM  
Began Service: April 1988  
Term Expires: April 2016

**Current Memberships:** Federal Bar Association; National Conference of  
Bankruptcy Judges

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Deborah Chang** ..... (213) 894-3592  
Education: Loyola Marymount 2003 JD  
Law Clerk **Montserrat Hanigan** ..... (213) 894-1530  
Education: Washington U 2004 JD  
Courtroom Deputy **Thais May** ..... (213) 894-5856  
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**Vincent P. Zurzolo**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1956  
Education: UC San Diego 1978 BA;  
UC Davis 1982 JD  
Began Service: April 18, 1988  
Term Expires: April 2016

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Greenberg, Glusker, Fields, Claman &  
Machtiger (1982-1988)

**Current Memberships:** Los Angeles County Bar Association; National  
Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of California

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Judy R. Villa** ..... (213) 894-3635  
Education: Pepperdine 1999 JD  
Courtroom Deputy **Rosemarie Martinez** ..... (213) 894-5855  
Court Recorder **Sandra Peters** ..... (213) 894-3150  
Judicial Assistant **Marty Ruiz-Antoniol** ..... (213) 894-3721

**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Mitchel R. Goldberg**

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**Mitchel R. Goldberg**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: Colorado 1965 BA, 1968 JD  
Began Service: June 1988  
Term Expires: May 2016

**Legal Practice:** Rosen & Goldberg (1971-1980); Mitchel R. Goldberg  
(1981-1988)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1969-1970)

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Law Clerk **Teresa Gwynn** ..... (951) 774-1028  
Education: Loyola Marymount 1988 BA;  
Boston U 1994 JD  
Courtroom Deputy **Rita Cargill** ..... (951) 774-1085  
Court Recorder **Rudy De LaTorre** ..... (951) 774-1069 ext. 2087  
Judicial Assistant **Jeanne Henigin** ..... (951) 774-1026

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**Robert W. Alberts**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1938  
Education: Brown 1960 AB; NYU 1963 LLB  
Began Service: February 18, 1992  
Term Expires: February 17, 2006

**Judicial:** Judge Pro Tempore, California Superior Court, Orange County  
(1980-1991)

**Legal Practice:** Associate then Partner, Sulmeyer, Kupetz & Alberts  
(1965-1973); Law Offices of Robert W. Alberts (1973-1978); Partner,  
Alberts & Miner (1978-1983); Senior Partner, Rutan & Tucker  
(1983-1992)

**Current Memberships:** National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Jolyn Deans** ..... (714) 338-5423  
Education: Southern Cal Law 1996 JD  
Courtroom Deputy **Susan Kent** ..... (714) 338-5366  
Court Recorder **Michelle Maxon** ..... (714) 338-5370  
Judicial Assistant **Joan Amos** ..... (714) 338-5423

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**Ernest M. Robles**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1956  
Education: UC Berkeley 1978 BA;  
Michigan 1981 JD  
Began Service: June 11, 1993  
Term Expires: June 10, 2007  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** Assistant United States Trustee, Department of Justice  
(1988-1993)

**Legal Practice:** Musick, Peeler & Garrett (1981-1982); Hancock, Rothert  
& Bunshoft (1982-1987); Kornblum & McBride (1987-1988)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; Los Angeles  
Bankruptcy Forum, Board of Directors; Los Angeles County Bar  
Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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Law Clerk **Helene Kaya** ..... (213) 894-1522  
Education: UCLA 1988 JD

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